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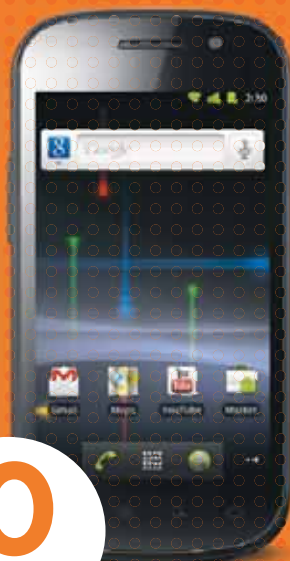


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Feds back out of rec funding

► Plans to build 4 rec centres in northwest and southeast Calgary end after Harper government cuts funds



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Stephanie Campbell began advocating for more recreation centres in the cities southeast after she tried to sign her kids up for swimming lessons and they were full.

Now, more than two years after the city began working on an extensive process to secure funding for four recreation centres, Campbell and her kids are no closer to swimming lessons.

"They will continue to grow up without having a recreation facility near enough for me to take them," said Campbell, president of the South East Calgary Recreation Society.

Since 2009, the city has been working with P3 Canada, a crown corporation that distributes merit-based infrastructure funding in conjunction with local funding.

According to Mayor Naheed Nenshi, city employees and volunteers devoted countless hours to the project after several assurances were given that the federal funding would come through.

Yesterday, Nenshi said he

A political decision?

► **Wide support.** Ald. Shane Keating said he believes the decision is politically motivated, implying the conservative government doesn't need to fund Calgary because they have widespread support.

► **Mayor's message.** Nenshi and his council colleagues are encouraging Calgarians to contact their MP's about this funding.

received a letter stating no funding would be coming to Calgary for recreation centres.

"It means that kids are still going to be playing hockey with 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. ice times," said Nenshi. "I've requested a meeting with Prime Minister Harper to have a discussion about this and hopefully get more than one sentence in terms of what the rationale is."

Campbell said she hopes the city comes up with a plan B soon.

"We are not prepared to give up," she said. "This is too important to us, to our own families and to our communities".



► Parents of thousands of Calgary kids like eight-year-old Kiyara Doucet, seen above, are left wondering what's next after the federal government rejected their portion of a funding proposal for four city recreation centres.

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► Cast members of STOMP, from left, Lisa Latouche, Mike Hall, Lance Liles and Andre Fernandez, do a short performance for the children at the Ronald McDonald House Thursday afternoon.

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Stompin' good time in Calgary

Members of the cast of STOMP, currently touring in Calgary until Nov. 27, stopped by for a private performance at the Ronald McDonald House. They used common, and percussion-conducive, household items as instruments.

Cops log 289 accidents in 273 days

- Tally higher than in Edmonton, where there was concern over police-driver safety
- Active safe-driving initiative helping steer downward trend: Spokesperson



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Covering 20 million kilometres annually on Calgary roads comes at a cost for the police service, which averages more than one vehicle collision per day.

At September's end, marked and unmarked police cruisers had been involved in 289 traffic incidents this year, ranging from minor paint scuffs to total write-offs.

An exact dollar figure

for the collisions was not clear yesterday but 85 of the incidents registered repair costs over \$2,000.

Conversely, 75 of the collisions were extremely minor, the damage buffed out or painted over at little to no cost, said spokesperson Kevin Brookwell.

"I would say a good portion of those collisions are minor and could be considered preventable, either (through reducing) driver error or paying attention," Brookwell said, adding that backing collisions are a particular area of concern.

cern.

While still a top-of-mind issue for police, Brookwell pointed out this year's collision tally is down 15 per cent year-over-year and holds true to a 10 per cent downward trend overall in recent years.

Much of that decline is attributed to the work of the police's two-man fleet-safety unit, led by Staff Sgt. Graeme Ramsay.

He becomes involved every time a police cruiser is involved in a collision, and he determines whether added driving

Collision stats

- Calgary police respond to approximately 900,000 calls for assistance annually.
- The collision statistics for Calgary's boys — and girls

— in blue come on the heels of concerns in Edmonton after statistics released Wednesday revealed their service, which is comparable in size, had been involved in 183 collisions this year.

training or disciplinary action is needed.

Ramsay said he was aware of one disturbing case currently before the courts where the police officer was charged with dangerous driving.

"Ultimately, we want to

create a safe environment for both the citizens and police officers," he said.

"You can't help people if you don't make it to the call. Generally, our officers are very good.

"But don't get me wrong — some aren't."



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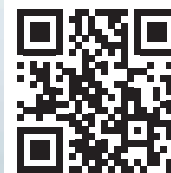
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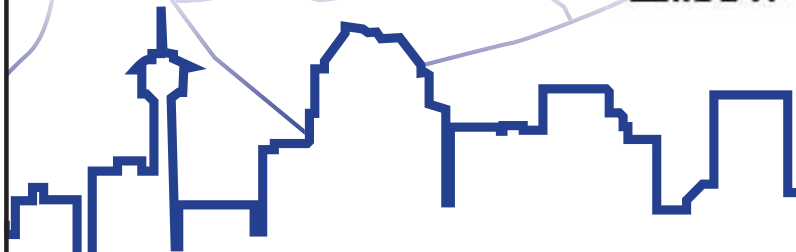
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City set to begin restoring wetlands

► Council approves nearly \$7 million over the next two years ► 90 per cent of wetlands have been lost

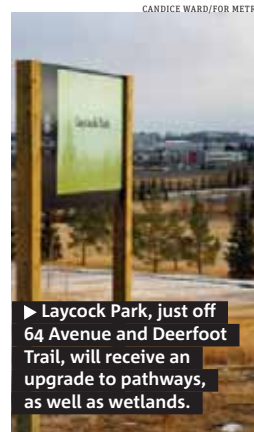


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After several years on the city's back burner, wetlands at a northeast park will be getting a long-overdue facelift.

Area Ald. Gael MacLeod said restorations to Laycock Park have been on the books for eight years and she argued in council chambers it's time the city move ahead.

"I had emails from the community association, from constituents that had heard Laycock Park was finally funded and they were thrilled," she said. "The community really



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► Laycock Park, just off 64 Avenue and Deerfoot Trail, will receive an upgrade to pathways, as well as wetlands.

cares about this park."

According to Donna Sinclair, spokesperson for the

city's parks department, Laycock Park has been identified as the first wetland-compensation site.

As wetlands are lost to development, Sinclair said the city's goal is to recreate and restore these critical habitats.

Marvin Quashnick, public-service director with the Thorncliffe-Greenview Community Association, said the wetlands have been a longstanding concern for the community.

"Up until just recently, we thought it was going to be shelved for some period of time."

The city plans to begin construction this time next year.



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SEARCH WARRANTS

Police sting yields variety of drugs

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The investigation

came to a head Wednesday as officers executed search warrants at homes in the Pineridge and Renfrew neighbourhoods.

In all, police seized more than 1,500 grams of marijuana, nearly 200 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, three grams of MDMA, a half-gram of cocaine, \$25,000 cash, a handgun, brass knuckles and a cleaver.

The eight accused face a total of 42 drug-related charges.

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Peace bridge to cross Bow — finally

It's a year late, but Calgarians may be able to take a walk on the much-debated Peace Bridge before year's end. City officials announced Thursday they

are slowly sliding a 130-metre creation across the Bow River, where it will be secured and then opened for public use. The bridge has long been a source of frustration for many, including members of city council, after repeated delays in construction and questions about whether the \$25-million structure was even necessary.

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HEY, EVERYONE — IT'S WINTER ALREADY!

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Since we're currently enjoying our first real Chinook of the year, you've probably already forgotten that, only a few days ago, Calgary was wrapped in a frozen layer of bone-chilling wind and snow.

If nothing else, it seemed like an Al Gore-esque reminder that winter is definitely on its way.

Yet, as always, that warning fell on deaf ears, because every year Calgarians act like we're experiencing the cold for the first time.

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For a city that once hosted the Winter Olympics, why are Calgarians so terrible at living through winter?

If you have a vehicle with at least four tires, you probably spent much of last week bemoaning the pedestrians and cyclists who whizzed by you while you were stuck in a never-ending line of cars.

It always surprises me

that Calgarians seem to turn into terrible drivers as soon as the first flakes fall.

Winter tires or not, a place so famous for its long winter months should not be crippled by a few centimetres of snow, should we?

It's easy to say that Calgarians don't know how to drive in the snow, but what I want to know is who exactly are these people?

Who are the ones shutting down major roadways because of a light dusting of snow?

Surely, it can't be a whole city of a million people, can it?

And, if it is just a small percentage of drivers who end up slipping and sliding down 14 Street, is it safe to assume that maybe those people shouldn't be driving at all?

Then again, this is the city that continues to put gravel on our roads. When you can't see through

your cracked windshields, then who's to blame for bad driving?

But you know what? Calgary's pedestrians are often no better at dealing with winter.

On our coldest days of the year, you all walk around with your jackets open. Even more ridiculous is that many of you refuse to wear hats and gloves.

Now, I'm at an advantage in this department because I don't have to worry about hat hair. But I'd like to think that even if I had the thick locks of John Mar, I would still choose staying warm over having nice hair.

Ever since I was that kid who wore snowpants in high school, I've never understood why people would purposely choose to be cold.

Let last week's cold snap be a warning: winter is coming. So, for the sake of my sanity, please get ready for it.



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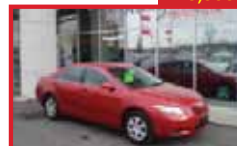
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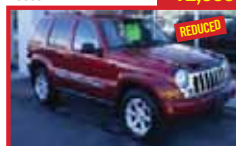
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Drunk deterrent or cash grab?

► Critics say Alberta's new impaired legislation harms fight against drunk drivers ► But police chief believes measures will be effective



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With the introduction of strengthened impaired-driving legislation in Alberta this week, Metro explores the culture of drunk driving and evaluates whether new penalties will have any impact.

New impaired-driving measures could help Alberta motorists avoid more severe penalties — and it smacks of a cash grab, critics charge.

Four Alberta and British Columbia defence lawyers contacted by Metro say strengthened impaired-driving legislation introduced in the latter province last

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► **Thursday:** Foolish efforts and confusion are common among impaired drivers.

► **Wednesday:** The horrors of drunk driving stay vivid for police.

year is in fact leading to fewer Criminal Code charges.

A typical impaired-driving conviction — reserved for drivers with a blood-alcohol level over .08 — can result in a one-year driving suspension, a criminal record and a \$1,000 fine.

Meanwhile, slapping a driver with B.C.'s bolstered administrative penalty leads to a three-day driving suspension and a \$200 fine.

From the perspective of government, the streamlined process means reduced police man hours and quicker recuperation of fine revenue, Calgary lawyer Tyson Dahlem said.

In a statement, the B.C. Ministry of Justice says the Criminal Code route is still pursued regularly for repeat impaired offenders and incidents involving serious injury or fatality.

"The introduction of stronger, certain administrative sanctions has resulted in a reduction in the number of criminal cases being prosecuted through the courts," the statement continues.

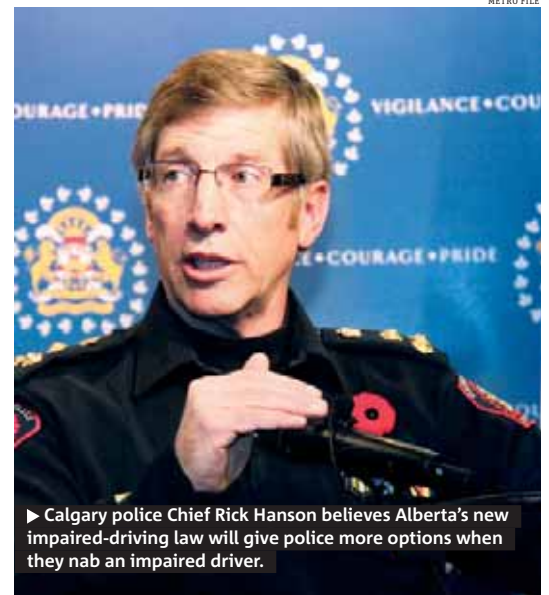
Rick Hanson, the Calgary police chief, said processing a person charged with im-

paired driving can take up to four hours, and he admits there are few guarantees of a conviction.

"It's a very complicated law.... When (blood-alcohol level) is between .08 and .10, anyhow, it's difficult to get a conviction, because of the breathalyzer calibration. And there's all kinds of issues that can be brought in to challenge it," he said. "What this (new law) does is provide a greater array of options."

Dahlem, however, thinks the law could hinder efforts to deter impairment.

"The problem with administrative penalties is there is no public scrutiny of what occurs, and typically the punishment is not very severe," he said.



► Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson believes Alberta's new impaired-driving law will give police more options when they nab an impaired driver.

By the numbers

► **518:** B.C. police laid 518 more Criminal Code charges in instances not involving injury or fatality in June 2010 — before the introduction of new administrative penalties — than

they did in July of this year. ► **\$4.67 million:** The B.C. government issued roughly \$4.67 million in administrative fines for impairment behind the wheel during the first 12 months after its new penalties came into effect.



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Dog owners welcome more parks in city

► Calgary currently has 149 public off-leash areas ► City approved Off-Leash Management Plan earlier this year

Dog owners are hoping the addition of new off-leash spaces in Calgary will limit congestion at some of the city's busiest areas.

On Wednesday, city council approved \$3.4 mil-

lion in funding for 15 additional off-leash dog parks over the next three years.

"I know people that come all the way from the northwest to walk their dogs down here, so it's not

a bad thing," said Terry Clarke, one of many dog owners who utilizes the off-leash area at Southland Park.

Following the funding approval, Donna Sinclair of

the city's parks department said they will now begin community consultation to determine where the parks should be placed.

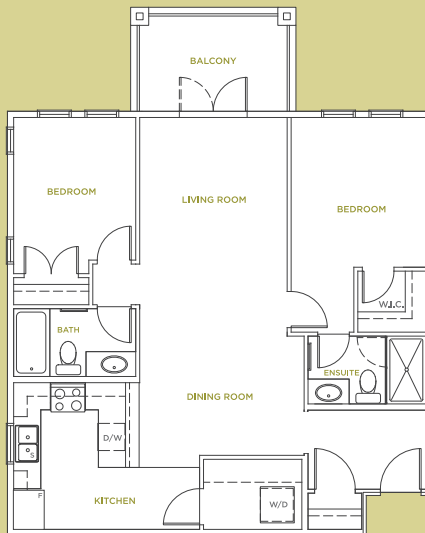
Ellen Scharf Seguin makes several trips to off-

leash areas every day as the owner of Fun For Dogs and said she hopes the addition of more spaces will mean existing spaces will be less crowded. "It is welcome news because if there's

more local parks people will disperse a little bit more," she said. "As long as the parks are all fenced in and the dogs are safe, neighbourhood parks are a great idea." ● KATIE TURNER

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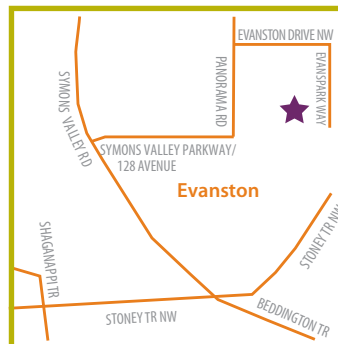
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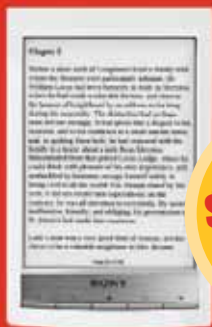
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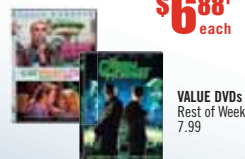
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► Don and Linda Ingram display their \$50-million lottery cheque on Thursday in Toronto.



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50 million reasons to smile

Don, 53, and Linda, 59, of Oshawa, Ont., say they will now retire from work as restaurant cooks, buy a "comfy" home and help their two grown children.

Web to get deeper, more interactive

► One Millionth Tower heralds big creative explosion

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► A "thank-you" salute from Ottawa: Gov. Gen. David Johnston inspects Canadian troops on Parliament Hill Thursday during a ceremony to honour those who took part in the Libya campaign.

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Ottawa tells troops: Well done!

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. David Johnston paid warm tribute to the military Thursday for its work in the Libyan campaign. The formal Parliament Hill ceremony recognized the efforts of the men and women who took part in the NATO campaign that helped force Moammar Gadhafi from power. Canadian warplanes flew hundreds of missions over Libya in the spring and summer, while warships patrolled offshore.

Massacre survivor backs gun registry

► My heart is heavy, she tells Commons committee

The Conservative government is ignoring evidence and common sense in dismantling the long-gun registry, says a survivor of the 1989 Montreal massacre.

Nathalie Provost, an engineer who was shot at the Ecole Polytechnique nearly 22 years ago, told the Commons public safety com-

"Long guns are dangerous. And this I know."

NATHALIE PROVOST, MONTREAL
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mittee Thursday she's watching with a "heavy heart" as the Tories scrap the registry.

Provost said: "It is with a heavy heart that I am witnessing the legislative process that is leading to the dismantling of one of the few positive outcomes of this tragedy: the law that helps save hundreds and hundreds of lives."

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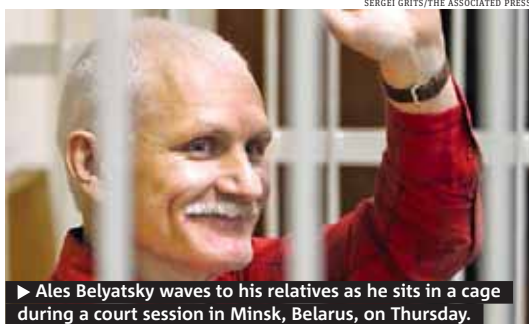
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► Ales Belyatsky waves to his relatives as he sits in a cage during a court session in Minsk, Belarus, on Thursday.

Rights activist jailed in Belarus

► Ales Belyatsky's conviction for tax evasion called 'politically motivated'

Belarus' leading human rights activist was convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to four and a half years in prison on Thursday at a trial condemned by U.S. and European Union officials as political-

ly motivated.

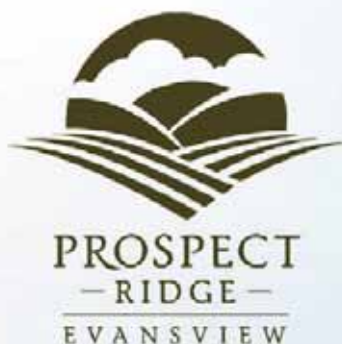
Ales Belyatsky, 49, heads Vesna, the ex-Soviet nation's most prominent rights group, which actively reported on alleged irregularities in last December's presidential

election and the ensuing police crackdown on protests.

Belyatsky was charged with tax evasion after Polish and Lithuanian authorities provided data about his accounts in those coun-

tries. Vesna said Belyatsky had to use the accounts to get cash from donors because Belarusian law left him no other option to receive funds needed to help victims of political repression. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Shafia girl wanted to run away, teacher tells court

A court in eastern Ontario is hearing that a 13-year-old girl allegedly killed by her Montreal family became "furious" when a teacher said it wasn't a good idea for her to run away from home with her 17-year-old sister.

Court has heard that Geeti Shafia repeatedly asked teachers and child protection authorities to remove her from the family home, where she and her sisters complained of

verbal, emotional and physical abuse.

Geeti and her sisters, 17-year-old Sahar and 19-year-old Zainab, as well as their father's first wife in a polygamous marriage were found dead on June 30, 2009, in a car submerged at the bottom of a canal in Kingston.

The girls' parents and their now-20-year-old brother are on trial for four counts of first-degree murder. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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B.C. bank key to \$200K mystery?

► D.B. Cooper parachuted out of airliner with the cash

Amateur sleuth Galen Cook believes the answer to America's only unsolved hijacking lies in a Vancouver bank vault.

That's where the mysterious D.B. Cooper stashed \$200,000 in extorted cash after parachuting out of a 727 jet 40 years ago Thursday, Cook says.

And the outlaw's son agrees with him.

Greg Gossett said he's "totally certain" his father, military veteran William Gossett, was D.B. Cooper.

Greg Gossett said his father once pulled an FBI sketch of D.B. Cooper from a locked file drawer and asked if Greg recognized the man.

Gossett said he told his



► Galen Cook compares pictures of U.S. hijacker D.B. Cooper and suspect William Gossett. Cooper parachuted out of a jet with a fortune. Gossett had parachuting experience.

father it looked like him. And he said his father — who died in 2003 — acknowledged he was D.B. Cooper.

Cook, an Alaskan lawyer, is convinced William Gossett hid his money in a safety deposit

box in a bank in Vancouver's Chinatown.

And Cook has spent years trying to track down the keys.

"This is one of the most intriguing unsolved crimes ever," Cook said.

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► A giant Spider-Man balloon thrills the Times Square crowds on Thursday. Two other balloons that were also hits: Snoopy and a jetpack-wearing monkey.

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The web slinger wows 'em

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade made its annual appearance through the streets of New York on Thursday — for the 85th year. It featured more than 40 balloon creations, 27 floats, 800 clowns and 1,600 cheerleaders.

Guard threatens tot, gets turfed

A grocery store security guard in Everett, Wash., has been fired after telling the father of a four-year-

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Safeway said the company was appalled by the guard's actions.
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► The snowless competition slope is seen in Levi, Finland, prior to the World Cup Alpine skiing races being moved to Austria from Finland because of the lack of snow.

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Scandinavia's winter woes

- Northern countries dealing with unusually warm start to winter
- In Sweden, the temperature for November measured 7 C above average

For some reason, Scandinavia is not its frigid self, with unusually warm weather delaying the onset of winter in northern latitudes normally decked in white.

The lack of snow has been bad news for winter sports — World Cup ski races have been dropped, or held on artificial snow, and mountain ski resorts are unable to open.

There are even reports of bird song and blooming gardens in some places typically entering the winter freeze at this time of year.

"Some flowers, like roses, have actually begun to blossom for a second time," said Mats Rosenberg, a biologist in Orebro, south-central Sweden.

Weather experts say

this fall is on track to become one of the warmest on record in the northern part of Scandinavia, where the start of winter has been delayed by more than a month in certain locations.

Earlier this month, World Cup Alpine skiing races were moved from Levi, Finland, to Austria because of the lack of snow.

Cross-country World Cup races in Norway last weekend had to be moved from barren ground in Beitostoelen to Sjusjoen, where at least it was cold enough for artificial snow to stick.

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▶ Award-winning newsreader caught on camera giving U.S. president the finger ▶ Blames peers for mistake

We're sure there are plenty of ways to get fired when you're working in Russian media, but we wouldn't have speculated that flipping the bird at a sitting U.S. president would do the trick.

But then along came Tatyana Limanova, an award-winning (former) newscaster for Russia's REN TV who offered the rude salute to President Barack Obama during a broadcast that aired to 120 million people earlier this month.

After the video went viral following a report in the London Daily Telegraph, the station announced that Limanova



► YouTube screen grab of Tatyana Limanova's infamous newscast.



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had been fired.

Network sources told the *Telegraph* that Limanova thought she was off camera and just doing voiceover work when she offered the one-finger salute to studio technicians who were teasing her. **METRO**



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Cast of celebs tells U.K. inquiry of press intrusion

► Author J.K. Rowling and actress Sienna Miller are the latest to appear before media ethics inquiry

Writer J.K. Rowling and actress Sienna Miller gave a London courtroom a vivid picture on Thursday of the anxiety, anger and fear produced by living in the glare of Britain's tabloid

media, describing how press intrusion made them feel like prisoners in their own homes.

The creator of boy wizard Harry Potter told Britain's media ethics inquiry that having journalists camped on her doorstep was "like being under siege and like being a hostage." Miller said years of car chases, midnight pursuits and intimate revelations had left her feeling violated, paranoid and anxious.

"The attitude seems to be absolutely cavalier," Rowling said. "You're famous, you're asking for it."

The pair were among a diverse cast of witnesses — Hollywood star Hugh Grant, a former soccer player, a former aide to supermodel Elle Macpherson and the parents of missing

and murdered children — who have described how becoming the focus of Britain's tabloid press wreaked havoc on their lives.

Rowling said she was completely unprepared for the media attention she began to receive when her first book, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, became a sensation. The seven Potter books propelled Rowling from struggling single mother to one of Britain's richest people.

"When you become well-known ... no one gives you a guidebook," she said.

Prime Minister David Cameron set up the inquiry amid a still-unfolding scandal over illegal eavesdropping by the News of the World tabloid.

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► British actress Sienna Miller arrives to testify at the Leveson inquiry at the Royal Courts of Justice in central London on Thursday.

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Formula One boss speaks out at inquiry

Former Formula One boss Max Mosley, who has campaigned for a privacy law

since his interest in sado-masochistic sex was exposed in the News of the World, broadened the focus in testimony Thursday, discussing the difficulty of squashing malicious stories in the Internet age.

Mosley successfully sued

the News of the World over a 2008 story headlined "Formula One boss has sick Nazi orgy with five hookers." Mosley has acknowledged the orgy, but argued that the story was an "outrageous" invasion of privacy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

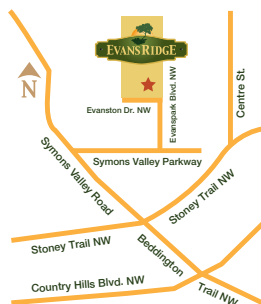


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1 **Sidney Crosby.** It was a day some thought might never come. Canada's Sid the Kid, out since early January with post-concussion syndrome,

returned to the ice Monday night for his Penguins at home — with even CBC choosing to do a special broadcast. He was simply amazing, scoring two goals and two assists in a 5-0 storybook win over the Islanders. Yes, the best player in the world isn't just back — he's better than ever.

2 **Feds and social media.** Ottawa has rolled out formal guidelines for how their departments should use Twitter and Facebook, recognizing that "Web 2.0 is increasingly becoming a primary channel for sending, receiving and generating information." The guidelines also say public servants should be aware of the risks of operating in social media circles. In other words, look for tweets of political correctness.

3 **Occupy camps.** Occupy protest camps in Vancouver, Ottawa and Toronto were dismantled this week after eviction notices went out. The message(s) had been delivered, and the time had come for them to come down. The Toronto camp at St. James Park had taken on a life of its own: As Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti said, "We have Robin Hoods and makeshift Jesuses walking around, pretending that the park is theirs." Now it'll be Dog Park again.

4 **Password.** Hackers love those who choose "password" as their online password. And there are lots of you, according to Internet security firm SplashData, which released the top password name rankings based on millions of stolen passwords. The Top 5: 1. password 2. 123456 3. 12345678 4. qwerty 5. abc123. And you'd better be more creative than going with "monkey," you monkeys. That's No. 6 on the list.

5 **Fox News.** According to a new study, there is "something about watching Fox News that leads people to do worse on (news) questions than those who don't watch any news at all." The most informed respondents: People who listen to NPR, those who watch Sunday morning news programs and — best of all — viewers of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

6 **ABA.** With the NBA season a virtual wipeout due to the lockout, maybe the American Basketball Association will catch on. The calibre of play may not be up to NBA standards, but teams like the Los Angeles SLAM and Gulf Coast Flash could become household names if national TV chooses to broadcast some games. The legendary Dr. J got his start in the original ABA. There could be another legend waiting in the wings.

7 **Watch your gadgets.** A new poll by polling/social media company Poll Position found that more than 60 per cent of us spend between one to six hours a day watching electronic devices like TV, computer screen, e-reader, PDA or cellphone. So what the heck is the other 40 per cent doing?

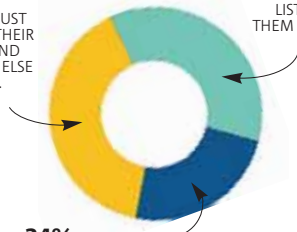
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Local tweets



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- ▶ @LauraPellerine: Lots of people mingling about here at Ladybug Cafe's event tonight in #yyc.
- ▶ @MonikaFurtado: Very disappointed that city rec centres are not receiving fed funding. If we want a healthy city we need these services. #yyc
- ▶ @Haggisman57: When the city bought the Calatravesty bridge it waved a big flag saying it didn't believe in cost control.
- ▶ #yyc #yyccc #calgary @Chas_Anderson: we're driving, not flying to #YYC tomorrow.
- ▶ @lori9stewart: Wow! 70% of #AWEYCC audience are first time awesomers! #awesome #yyc
- ▶ @CURTMAH: #yyc remember when U laughed at #yeg losing the worlds fair and federal backing? Well now Harper is screwing us and U will still vote 4 him
- ▶ @JacquelineTyler: The rainbow lights @calgary-transit LRT stations make me smile. Oh so pretty. #sparkle #yyc

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Lemurs give thanks

Lemurs enjoy Thanksgiving

CALIFORNIA. On this day, furry critters are thankful — even if they put their tails in their plates. Some ring-tailed lemurs had a feast at the Thanksgiving dinner at San Francisco Zoo. Fifteen grey lemurs tucked into a feast of green beans, fruit, sweet potatoes and a turkey made out of monkey chow.

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Polite males or bossy females?

BEHAVIOUR. The core group consists of females and their young. When the troop moves between feeding sites, this group settles into the best feeding spot and eats first. The males wait for them to finish or feed in a less desired tree nearby. It's women and children first, too, for often hard-to-find water that gathers in trees. ● MW

50%

of the lemur diet consists of fruit from the tamarind tree, consumed mostly during the dry winter season. Lemurs have been observed eating decayed wood, earth, spider webs, insect cocoons, spiders, caterpillars, small birds and chameleons.

Lemur facts

- ▶ Treasured lemur treats: grapes, raisins and almonds.
- ▶ 1/3 of the at least 70 lemur species are endangered.
- ▶ Endemic to Madagascar. Nowhere else are they found in the wild.

Synopsis

Based on two books by Colin Clark, *The Prince, The Showgirl and Me* and *My Week with Marilyn*, the movie's main character isn't Monroe, but Clark (Eddie Redmayne), the third assistant director on *The Prince and the Showgirl* starring Sir Laurence Olivier (Kenneth Branagh) and Monroe. It was the summer of 1956 and Clark was a 23-year-old who, like the rest of the planet, was smitten with Monroe. The two form a bond, and for a few days it looks like his love for her might actually be reciprocated.

Ratings:

Richard: ●●●●½
Mark: ●●●●

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► Michelle Williams steals the show in *My Week With Marilyn*.

'Marilyn' charms

► *My Week With Marilyn* gives its actors lots of chances to showcase their chops

Richard: Mark, almost 50 years after her death, Marilyn Monroe is still one of the best-known actresses in the world and yet Michelle Williams manages to bring something new to someone we thought we knew so well. Even though I liked this movie and thought that Monroe's off-screen life, as dramatic as anything she ever did on screen, is tenderly portrayed, the story isn't as interesting as the performance. What did you think?

Mark: This movie is definitely NOT the Marilyn Monroe biopic. It's a small, charming film about the havoc the sexiest woman in the world can have on those around

her. The movie's fabulous first half sets up the characters, milieu, and conflicts, but then doesn't have anywhere to go. So the story is weak, as you say, but its pleasures are in the fine details, including Michelle Williams' amazing portrayal of Ms. Monroe, and the wonderful sense of time and place on a film set circa 1956. And I've never seen Kenneth Branagh better!

RC: Branagh is very good, but when placed against Williams's Monroe his work seems to lack the soul she brings to every frame of film. He does have many of the film's best lines, however. His delivery of lines like, "Trying

to teach Marilyn to act is like teaching Urdu to a badger," is letter perfect and adds much to the movie but I think the Oscar nomination here will go to Williams.

MB: The movie belongs to her, no question. But there are so many finely etched smaller parts that flesh out the movie. Judi Dench as the regal Dame Sybil Thorndike and Zoe Wanamaker as prickly acting coach Paula Strasberg are both exceptional. But why was the Arthur Miller part so underwritten? And were you impressed by Eddie Redmayne as the boy who becomes a man?

RC: His story should have been titled *The Week I Al-*

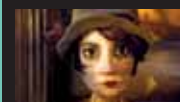
most *Made It with Marilyn*. It might have spiced up his role a bit. He's good, I think, but when Williams and Branagh are on screen he disappears. He's a main character but unfortunately for him he's saddled with a quiet role in a movie filled with bravura performances.

MB: I thought the movie was quite funny in places, by the way; the clash of acting styles between the Brits and the Yanks made for good fun, as did Branagh's growing exasperation with his star. But the abrupt turnaround at the end of the movie where he gushes over Marilyn's "natural, intuitive talent" seemed forced and false.

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Scene in brief



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**The Descendants****Genre:** Comedy/Drama**Director:** Alexander Payne**Stars:** George Clooney, Shailene Woodley

Director Alexander Payne's first film since *Sideways* continues his ex-

ploration of men disconnected from their lives. Centred on the tough choices Matt King (Clooney) must make after his wife is left in a coma, King is forced to reconnect with his two daughters, deal with his sick wife's

infidelity and shepherd a family land deal in their native Hawaii. The *Descendants* lays bare the raw and mixed emotions that come when making decisions without having all the answers.

● IAN GORMLEY

Lauded director tackles Walesa

► Andrzej Wajda, 85, says his new film on former Polish president will be the greatest challenge of his career

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Oscar winner Andrzej Wajda said Thursday that his new film on former Polish president and Solidarity founder Lech Walesa will be his greatest challenge in 55 years as a director.

"This will be the most difficult movie I have made in my life," Wajda, 85, told a news conference. "I don't want to, but I have to," he said, quoting a line Walesa coined and often used while president in the early 1990s.

Wajda — the director of *The Promised Land* and *Katyn* — begins shooting Walesa on Dec. 1 in the Baltic port city of Gdansk, where in 1980 then-unemployed electrician Walesa seized the reins of a shipyard wage protest and turned it into a nationwide solidarity movement that helped lead to the downfall of communism a decade later. Wajda described Walesa as a hero who had a "true victory" in leading Poland out of decades of Moscow-imposed communism and into sovereignty, without any lives being lost. The director said documentary footage from the



► Andrzej Wajda

Walesa-led strike in the Gdansk shipyard and the ensuing successful talks with communist authorities will be woven into the movie that is to debut in Poland in the fall of 2012.

Janusz Glowacki — an off-Broadway Polish playwright — has written the screenplay. Glowacki said the aim of his script is to portray Walesa as a "fascinating person," not build a monument to him. "I tried to put together things heroic with funny things," Glowacki said, adding that he wanted to show Walesa

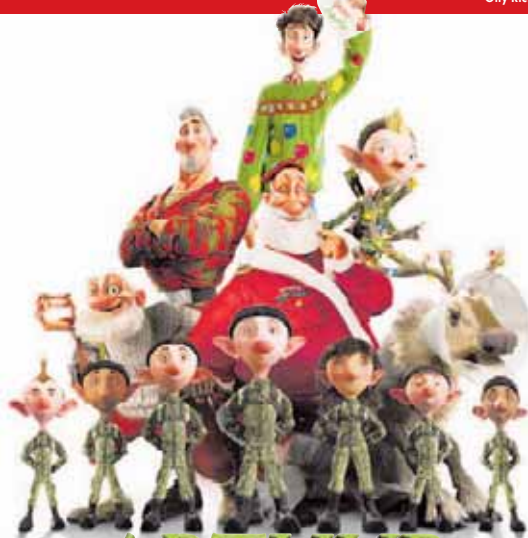
as a "giant who stumbles, falls but then rises."

Polish actors Robert Wieckiewicz and Agnieszka Grochowska will play the roles of Walesa and his wife, Danuta. The movie will span the period between the worker street protests of 1970, in which Walesa took part, to his speech before the U.S. Congress in the fall of 1989, shortly after the end of communism in Poland and a year before he became the first popularly elected president.

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We give thanks for these films

► With Thanksgiving weekend underway down south, we thought we'd show our gratitude for these great flicks

It's Thanksgiving weekend in the U.S., with our southern neighbours reflecting on the people and things for which they're grateful. Since we love movies, we thought it would be a good time to choose five for which we're thankful. These are the cinematic equivalent of comfort food; ones that can be watched over and over again, and always rely on making you laugh, lift you up or provide an escape. (The inclusion of anything by John Hughes goes without saying.) Ask us next week and this list might be different. But for this weekend, dig in.



Rushmore (1998)

This remains Wes Anderson's best movie. Young Jason Schwartzman, making his film debut, stars as Max Fischer, who's involved in everything at the exclusive Rushmore Academy. A restrained Bill Murray is hilarious as the depressed father of a couple of Max's classmates, with whom Max forms an unlikely friendship — until they fall for the affections of the first-grade teacher.



The Sound of Music (1965)

Yes, it's a huge movie and a classic, winner of five Academy Awards. But there's something so personal about it; we all grew up watching it — it's one of those movies that is on television every year around the holidays. Why shouldn't Julie Andrews be able to come up with just the perfect, inspiring tune on the spot, or make play clothes out of drapes for all seven Von Trapp children, and still find time to make goo-goo eyes at the captain?



This is Spinal Tap (1984)

Pretty much the greatest mockumentary ever, the one that launched Christopher Guest's entire oeuvre. So many great, quotable lines. So many ridiculous songs in this fake behind-the-scenes look at a spectacularly awful and over-the-top British rock band. So many small, deadpan ad-libs that produce huge laughs.



The Big Lebowski (1998)

Admittedly, this is not the Coen brothers' best film, but the cult of Lebowski is just too powerful. There's something hypnotic about it: the way The Dude navigates the increasingly surreal adventure in which he's found himself. Bowling, Vietnam, white Russians, porn, a toe with green nail polish on it and a crucial rug all collide in weird and wonderful ways. No matter what Jeff Bridges accomplishes, he will always be The Dude.



Sleeping Beauty (1959)

This Disney animated film is an uncharacteristically chickish choice on our part, given its themes of a woman in peril who needs a man to rescue her. So no, it's not terribly forward-thinking. But when you were little didn't it all seem so romantic? Aurora was so gorgeous and graceful, tall and blond, the epitome of feminine beauty back then. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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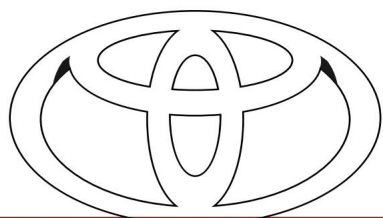


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The Shame of NC-17

► Release of Shame reignites debate over racy rating

The NC-17 rated Shame poses an intriguing test for the much-lamented rating and stands a chance of being one of the most notable adults-only releases since Last Tango in Paris or Midnight Cowboy.

When Steve McQueen's film about a sex addict (Michael Fassbender) arrives in theatres Dec. 5, it will have already found enthusiastic debate at film festivals, largely laudatory reviews and a significant presence in the Oscar race, where Fassbender is considered a top contender for a best actor nomination.

Though most films tagged by the Motion Pictures Association of America with an NC-17 rating either protest the decision or edit down to an R-rating, Fox Searchlight (which acquired Shame at

Ratings pariah

► Cinemark, one of the largest movie theatre chains in the U.S., refuses to screen NC-17 rated films.

► Wal-Mart won't stock NC-17 rated DVDs.

the Toronto Film Festival) has accepted the NC-17 as fair.

"We're releasing it not because of (the rating), but perhaps in spite of it," says Stephen Gilula, co-president of Fox Searchlight. "We just think it's a film that deserves to be seen."

An NC-17 rating still poses challenges for Shame and Fox Searchlight, but some believe the stigma of the rating may be fading.

The rating, which re-

stricts anyone under the age of 18 from attending a movie, was created in 1990 after the X rating (which the MPAA had failed to trademark) was co-opted by the pornography industry.

Since then, the most successful NC-17 film at the box office has been 1995's Showgirls, which earned \$20.4 million and a great deal of scorn from critics.

On the whole, the rating has been taken by smaller, art-house films. Recent NC-17 releases have included Bernardo Bertolucci's The Dreamers (2004, Fox Searchlight), Ang Lee's Lust, Caution (2007, Focus Features) and Pedro Almodovar's Bad Education (2004, Sony Pictures Classics).

"(Shame) is potentially an important step in the legitimate use of the NC-



► Michael Fassbender is getting best actor Oscar buzz for his role as a sex addict in Shame.

17," says John Fithian, president of the National Association of Theatre Owners.

"There just aren't very many movies released in the NC-17 rating anymore. Filmmakers and movie studios are inappropriately afraid of the rating."

Fithian says his association hopes to "eradicate the stigma" of NC-17, which he disputes. He calls the assertion that NC-17 films are limited in their advertising a myth. Advertising a NC-17 film on television is limited to certain hours. Most

newspapers will accept ads for a NC-17 film as long as they're tasteful.

"What we currently have is a system that's slightly flawed in the reluctance of filmmakers and distributors to use the NC-17," Fithian says.

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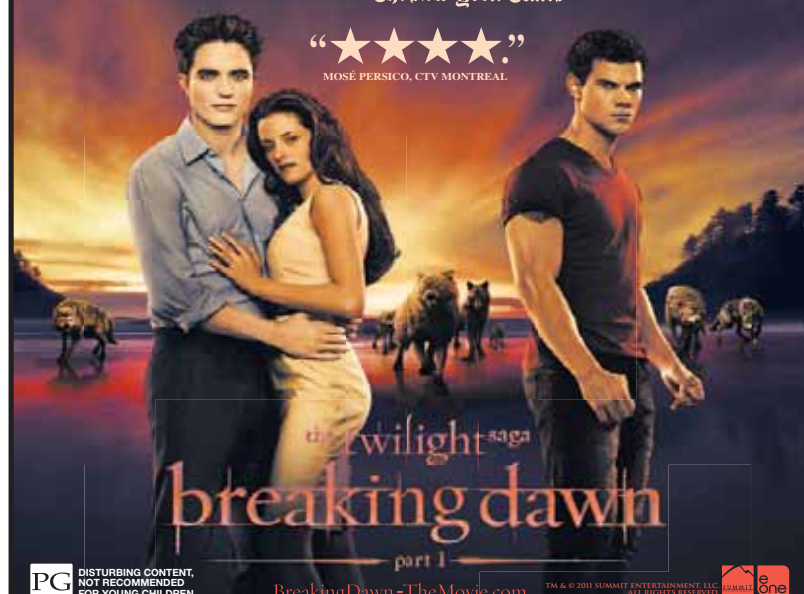
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Michael Bublé

Growing up in Burnaby, B.C., the jazzy crooner worshipped the Vancouver Canucks. If his hockey skills were on par with his pipes he would've traded in all the Grammy awards for a shot at hockey glory in a heartbeat. While on tour in the U.K. last year in between gigs, Bublé suited up and took a



practice with the EHL's Nottingham Panthers. "Take your best shots at me and keep the elbows high," he goaded the team before taking to the ice.

Steve Carell



Long before presiding over the paper pushers at

Dunder Mifflin as alter ego Michael Scott, Carell played goalie on his high school hockey team in Concord, Mass. On a sea-

son 2 episode of The Office, Carell takes the gang out ice-skating to celebrate his birthday and shows up in full hockey gear, stick and all. "I thought about playing in the NHL but you're on the road so much you have no time to spend with your wife and kids...and I really want a wife and kids," he quipped, explaining the get-up.

Taylor Kitsch

Wonder why Tim Riggs was so good at laying people out on Friday Night Lights? Growing up in Kelowna B.C., Kitch (best known for his role as the buff, constantly brooding Dillon Panthers fullback on Friday Night Lights) played Junior A hockey in the BCHL for the Langley Hornets. While



filming FNL he played pickup hockey in Austin, Texas with other expat puck heads and he's also participated in one of Luc Robitaille's Celebrity Shoot Outs.

Justin Bieber



The Biebs was going top shelf on

goalies and rocking opponents against the boards long before he topped the pop charts as a Billboard #1 fixture. Along with skateboarding and chess, hockey is one of Stratford,

Ont's most famous son's way of unwinding when he's not performing in arenas or being chased like a Beatle. When he moved to Atlanta to start recording and before his touring schedule got too hectic, Bieber played the 2008-2009 season with the Atlanta Knights hockey team wearing #18 and has been known to schedule a little skate around on days off from the singing grind.

Dierks Bentley

Despite toting his hockey gear wherever he goes, this country star has gotten more hurt performing than skating around on the ice. He once tore his ACL jumping off a stage riser. Playing hockey he's never suffered anything worse than a hard puck to the shin. He's said that for him



concerts are like hockey games in that when he goes out on stage he tapes his boots in the same fashion that he laces his skates — using duct tape.

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When you think of stars on ice, images of former Olympians in sequins are

conjured well ahead of celebs making saucer passes and slamming each other into the boards.

But many Hollywood types bitten by the hockey

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It's nighttime in Indonesia when we get Jason Mraz on the phone, although day broke just a few hours prior in New York.

Mraz is in Bali for his latest tour, which features just him and percussionist Toca Rivera performing at iconic venues like the Sydney Opera House and, this week, Carnegie Hall.

Mraz gave us some insight into these stripped-down shows.

How's your tour going so far?

I can't complain because we're in Bali at the moment, and I never thought that my tours would bring me here.

The night before last we played in Taiwan to a captive crowd of 3,000 people.

As a musician, you get spoiled when an audience gives you the silence that you crave.

When there's a silent cavern for you to perform in, the sound truly exists in its truest form and I get off on that.

Why did you decide to play Carnegie Hall?

We really just tried to pick great locations and great venues that we've always wanted to play, because this isn't about promoting an album — we're just having an opportunity to put our music out there.

We could come to New York and play in any theatre or club, and our fans

would come, but why not give them the experience of Carnegie Hall as well?

And for the musician, it's perhaps the pinnacle. It's what you to aspire to, to play in these historic venues.

I've played in more than one basketball court, and arena, and coliseum, but when you get to play in a venue that was created specifically for music or art, then the words, the lyrics — it's going to be so much more powerful in that space, as will the receiving of those words, the listening.

Are things different when you play these songs now, as opposed to when you first wrote them?

I think the only thing that's changed, honestly, other than time, are little silly things like hotel accommodations.

The core of what we do is the same: We're still singing songs about gratitude, trans-

formation, self-

awareness, love, self-empowerment — it's just really human stuff.

One of your shows at Carnegie Hall will be just for children. Do you have babies on the brain or something?

I don't have babies on the brain (laughs), but I have many friends who do have babies on their laps.

I've written a few songs in the past couple of years that I've set aside because I've said, "These sound like they belong on a kids album."

Reintroducing these songs in a kids show seems like the best place to test the material out before I do dive into something like a kids album, which I think will show up in the next couple of years.

It's not that I wanna make an album for kids, it's that I wanna make an album for the parents who I know have to listen to kids albums a thousand times in a row.

My brother, for instance, who has a five-year-old son, we get in the car and the most absurd music comes on and the song is on repeat — I don't know what it is, but it's all like noise and bells and whistles and goofy voices and stuff, so I have compassion for him and wanna make an album for that.



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"On Here and Now, there's something for everyone, from really aggressive rock to more melodious pop," the band's front man and singer Chad Kroeger tells Metro.

After the release of their last album in 2008, the band went on a two-year tour. Since then they have



► Chad Kroeger and Ryan Peake

reloaded and recorded a new album in their own studio in Vancouver.

"Right now we're in the honeymoon phase — the fans still haven't heard the album so we can still enjoy it all to ourselves. As soon as it's released it will be a different thing."

Guitarist Ryan Peake says the band is planning to include countries they haven't played in for a long time on their new tour.

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No. 1: Separate sections for vinyl, CDs and pre-recorded cassettes

People forgot that pre-recorded cassettes were briefly better sellers than vinyl or CDs. Back in the

middle '80s, if you couldn't find that album on one format, chances are you'd find it in one of the other sections.

No. 2: The 45 section

I used to spend hours flipping through the singles section at Sam the Record Man. I couldn't afford full albums but I could afford a 99-cent 45. This store had rows and rows and rows of them. Funny how the price hasn't changed.

No. 3: The longbox

Retailers initially resisted stocking CDs because they had spent millions on shelving displays for both vinyl and cassettes. Now the labels wanted more investment in new shelving? A compromise was reached in the form of the "longbox," wasteful paper and/or plastic packaging that was about as wide as a CD but 12 inches long. This meant two rows of CDs could oc-

cupy the same bin space as one row of albums.

No. 4: Midnight Record Sales

In the days before the Internet, the only way to be the first of your friends to own the new album from your favourite group was to line up outside the

record store on the day it came out. If the album was big enough, stores would stay open past midnight and at 12:01am on the release day.

No. 5: The big record catalogue

Somewhere in these old

record stores was a giant catalogue of available albums and singles across all genres. Generally it was clamped to a heavy stand somewhere that the clerks could make sure that no one was ripping out pages. This is where

one would look to see if a record that wasn't in stock was even available. If it was, you'd order it by its catalogue number.

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Third time lucky for Brit?

► Rumour has it Britney's beau is shopping for an engagement ring ► Don't expect anything too bling: Source

Britney Spears may be gearing up to tie the knot for the third time, as her boyfriend, Jason Trawick, is reportedly close to find-

ing the perfect engagement ring for the singer, according to Radar Online.

"He has been every-

where from Tiffany to Harry Winston looking for a ring and he is close to making his final decision," a source says.

"Don't expect anything too massive or obnoxious. This ring will be classy and under four carats."

And a wedding for the



► Britney Spears and Jason Trawick

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two is reportedly just a matter of when, not if, according to another source. "Britney and Jason discuss marriage all the time.

Britney is truly in love with Jason, and well, Jason has loved her for a very, very long time."

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Celebrity tweets



"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."



@MissKellyO

@MileyCyrus

I don't wanna be shaped like a girl I LOVE being shaped like a WOMAN & trust me ladies your man wont mind either ;)



@joelmchale



Was wrestling my 6 yr old yesterday. He elbowed me in the teeth so hard that I spat out bits of my newly chipped front tooth.



@RedHourBen

Just realized I have not tweeted for while. Hello.

Muppets are not the way to get girls: Segel

A love of puppets has brought the Muppets star and co-writer Jason Segel plenty of success, but it's also gotten in the way of his love life over the years, he admits.

"My house is packed with puppets. Like,



Jason Segel

everywhere," Segel tells People magazine. "Thank God I have a slightly bigger house now, so I have one room that's sort of dedicated to puppets. But for a long time I lived in a one-bedroom apartment that was just crammed with puppets. It's why I'm still single."

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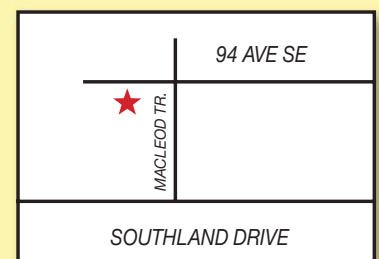
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Not into football?



Those of you who aren't settling in for an evening of grid-iron gratification on Sunday still have options. MovieTime has *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*, IFC is airing 2001's cult favourite *Wet Hot American Summer*, and Bravo has 2007's *Knocked Up*.

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Study calls sodium intake guidelines into question after surprising find

Great eats on Grey Cup day

- Game day is all about food, friends and football
- Try some tasty variations on pulled pork
- This Grey Cup recipe can be prepared ahead of time so you can enjoy the game

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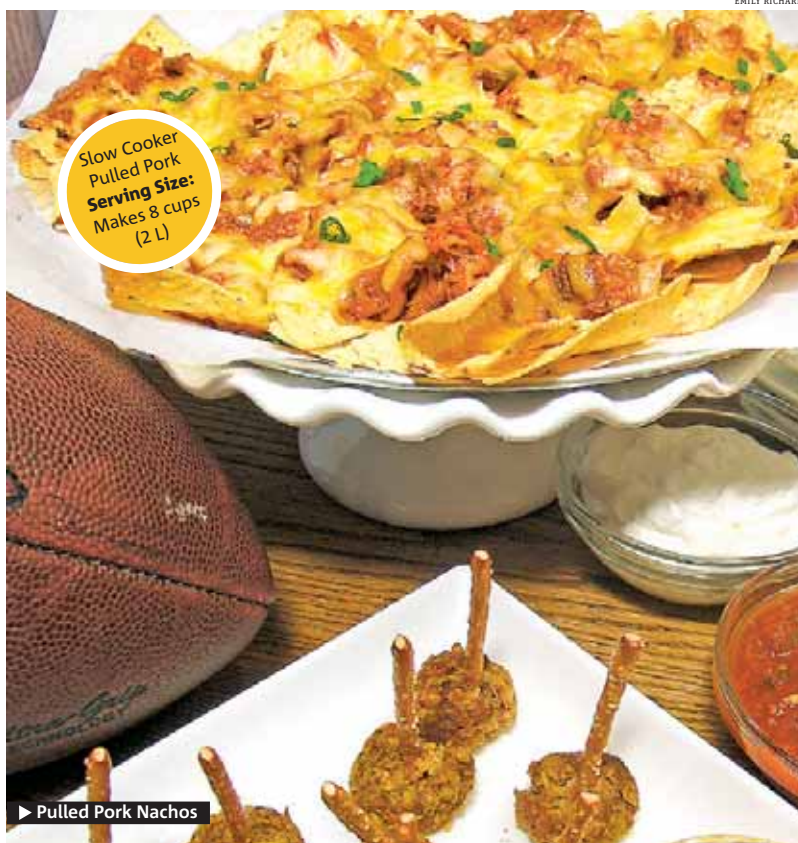
It's game time! Pull out your tortilla chips for this Grey Cup recipe. When watching the game this Sunday and rooting for the B.C. Lions or Winnipeg Blue Bombers, enjoy some delicious food that can be made ahead of time and enjoyed with family and friends during the game.

Slow Cooker Pulled Pork Preparation:

This pulled pork is perfect for a crowd and can be enjoyed on buns as sandwiches or spooned over fries, then sprinkled with cheese and baked for pulled pork poutine. My new game favourite is enjoying pulled pork nachos.

- In slow cooker, whisk together passata, onion, sugar, Worcestershire sauce and garlic; set aside.
- In small bowl, combine oil, chilli powder, dry mustard, salt and pepper. Rub all over pork roast to coat..
- Heat large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat and brown pork

roast on all sides. Place in slow cooker. Turn slow cooker on low for 8 to 10 hours or on high for 4 to 6 hours or until pork is fork tender. Remove roast from slow cooker and using 2 forks, shred meat and remove fat. Return pork to slow cooker and stir to coat with sauce.



► Pulled Pork Nachos

Slow Cooker Pulled Pork
Serving Size:
Makes 8 cups
(2 L)

Slow Cooker Pulled Pork Ingredients:

- 1 jar (680 mL) tomato passata (strained tomatoes)
- 1 onion, grated
- 1/3 cup (80 mL) packed brown sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) Worcestershire sauce

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) chilli powder
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dry mustard
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- 1 pork shoulder roast, about 3 lb/1.5 kg

Liquid Assets



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I don't come to football naturally. I'm much more of a baseball kind of guy. But thanks to my in-laws' passion for the game I've learned to appreciate the art that goes into throwing the old pigskin around.

While many of you will be toasting this year's face-off with a beer, I prefer a glass of vino or two.

Taking a cue from each team's colours (and knowing that cheesy nachos will be on the menu), I went searching for a couple of similarly dressed liquids.

To represent the Bombers my pick is the Schmitt Söhne 2010 Relax Riesling

(\$11.95 - \$14.29), a fast food-friendly German white with a sweet, soft apple personality and groovy, cobalt blue bottle.

To support the Lions, the orange labelled Barefoot Cellars Shiraz (\$9.99 - \$10.99), which offers up soft, lightly spiced jammy berry fruit, works well with eclectic cuisine.

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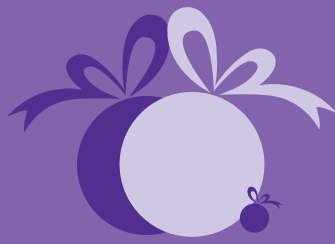
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For many, the holidays are a time to gather with family and friends. Why not capture those moments forever with a photo. Whether you are a seasoned professional or budding photographer, there is a camera for everyone out there. Here are a few of our choices.

Nikon D7000 — \$1,179 (body only)

Perfect for the photo buff in your life. Nikon's latest entry in the dSLR market has the perfect blend of design, features and performance at a reasonable price. The D7000 features a high-resolution 16.2-megapixel DX-format CMOS sensor, three-inch super density LCD display and a Dynamic ISO range from 100 to 6400. You also have the ability to shoot 1080p HD video at 24 fps with autofocus. Two SDXC card slots ensure you never run out of storage. Lenses sold separately.

Canon Rebel T3i — \$949.99

Power on, focus and shoot in less than one second! Technically classed as an entry-level dSLR camera, but don't let that fool you. An 18-megapixel CMOS

sensor ensures crisp, clean colour with every shot. The articulating LCD viewfinder makes it easy to capture photos at just the right angle.

Samsung MV800 — \$299

This impressive 16.1-megapixel point-and-shoot camera may have a minimalist design but offers many features for those who demand more out of their camera.

The three-inch touchscreen viewfinder can swivel 180 degrees to allow you to take photos from various angles.

Create breathtaking photos with the built-in software that allows you to take live panoramic shots, picture in picture or simply have fun by morphing photos with the many easy to use tools. Not ideal for low light conditions or for fast action shots.

Olympus Stylus Tough 8010 — \$249.99

It's called tough for a rea-

son! This 14-megapixel camera is shockproof, crushproof, freezeproof and waterproof to depths of 10 metres. Shoot still photos or HD video in virtually any condition!

iPhone SLR Mount — \$249.99

Turn your iPhone into a SLR camera with this one-of-a-kind mount from Photojojo. This case adaptor allows you to mount Canon EOS or Nikon SLR lenses right onto your iPhone 4 or 4S.

Use telephoto, wide angle or a macro lens on your phone. Finally, you can get powerful depth of field and manual focus on your iPhone.

Sony 220GB HD Camcorder with Projector — \$899

Shoot 1080p video and then share it immediately with friends. This camcorder has a built-in projector, which creates a 60-inch image on any flat surface.

The 42X extended zoom makes it easy to get close to the action even if you are far away. Up to 91 hours of footage can be captured on the hard drive.

GoPro HD Hero2 — \$349.99

The ideal companion for outdoors and sports enthusiasts. This tiny camera not only shoots 11 megapixel stills, it can also shoot 1080p HD video in even the most extreme conditions.

Mount it to your snowboard to get footage on the half-pipe or take it along with you on your next warm vacation to get underwater footage while snorkelling.

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✱ Metro's video game reviewer says *The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim* is the best RPG to date. It's a vast, non-linear, open-ended game with a brilliant character-leveilling system in which what you choose to do makes all the difference.



✱ Racing and non-racing fans are rejoicing over *Forza Motorsport 4*, the new instalment in the series.



✱ Kinect *Sesame Street — Once Upon A Monster* is just one of the popular Kinect titles available.

Your holiday mission

► To get *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3* as a gift, as well as other popular games like *The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim*



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Don't know what to buy for that gamer on your list? Not to worry, we have played a bunch of the hottest stuff (ESRB M) and narrowed it down to the best holiday offerings. This stuff is so good you might just want to keep it for yourself.

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 360, PS3, MS Windows, Wii

It's a record-busting, first-person shooter that features no slowdowns, stunning graphics, 16 massive new maps, survival mode, special ops and online multiplayer, too. The campaign is once again a solid and frantic affair that meets all your expectations. Once you are done with that, it's time to hop online. Online play is where this game shines so brightly it makes your eyes water. It's just awesome. Rock solid gameplay combined with new modes, a great levelling system, and well-earned unlockables,



online multiplayer is the thing that will keep you coming back for more. And more. And more.

The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim 360, PS3, MS Windows

Words cannot describe the magnitude of *Skyrim*.



It's epic. It's awesomely interactive and it's perfect. Perhaps the best RPG to date, this is a vast, non-linear, open-ended game with a brilliant character-leveilling system in which what you choose to do makes all the difference. You can choose to be a thief, skulking around in the shadows, or you can choose to be a warrior, an elf, or a berserker. Choices are almost limitless — for everything. It's mind-blowing. Chances are if you gift this (and you should), you won't see your friend for a year — they will be too busy wandering around *Skyrim* hunting for stuff to mix potions and craft weapons. You should give them a year's supply of frozen pizzas to go with. They'll need 'em.

Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception PS3

Exclusive to the PS3 and just in time for the holiday season, *Uncharted 3* has launched to universally stupendous critical reviews. Why such good reviews? Because this game is quite possibly the slickest, best looking, most immersive single-player platformer to hit the market in more than three years. It's visually stunning and has the most outstanding dialogue and cut scenes we have seen in recent history. This game is a complete package of perfection. It's a climbing, jumping, shooting and puzzle-solving masterpiece. Oh, and did we mention the multiplayer? Yep, there's that, too. Your friends and family need this game. A lot.



Xbox Gifts

We played our fingers off and found you the very best of the 360 exclusives. If they have an Xbox, we have you covered.

Forza Motorsport 4 ESRB E

What do bowling and driv-

ing have in common? *Forza 4*. Racing and non-racing fans worldwide are rejoicing at this new instalment. And they should. The addition of Top Gear content is a stroke of genius. Then there are new cars and tracks, AI that responds to your level of difficulty, driving through traffic, and bowling with your car. If you add all that up, it's the best racing simulator ever.



Gears of War 3 ESRB M

Everything is better in *Gears 3*. Everything. Four-player co-op, new multiplayer modes, bajillions of unlockables, retro-lancers,



stuff that blows up, and perfect controls make this a top pick for the holiday season. Saving the world on insane is pretty impressive, but the Live is even more impressive. They will play this until their hands go numb — and that's a good thing.

Kinect Sensor MSRP \$149.99

OK, it's not really a game, but a peripheral and we are here to tell you that if there is a child anywhere on your list, they need this. We invited a bunch of kids to play recent releases and we discovered the Kinect is actually crack for kids. They can't stop using it — they just can't. There are a whole whack of engaging titles this season and if you get them just one to go with their new Kinect, you are their favourite friend or relative — forever.

Kinect Disneyland Adventures ESRB E/10+

It's Disneyland attractions turned into mini-games and it's addictive. Players will enjoy throwing snowballs at Yeti, sword fighting with pirates, hugging Mickey, and riding the most popular rides in the park.



This game is totally stuffed with adventure, hidden secrets, wondrous Disney magic and lasting enjoyment. And there's no line-ups.

Kinect Dance Central 2 ESRB Teen

Your teens will be moving and grooving all over the living room floor. With more than 40 new hits and routines, voice controls, dance battles, and an onscreen personal trainer, don't forget to remind the kids to take breaks so they don't wear out the carpet too fast.



Kinect Sesame Street — Once Upon A Monster ESRB E/4+

It's like playing a Sesame Street storybook — only better. It will get your little ones moving, solving problems, and learning — all at the same time. Six chapters, engaging mini-games, simple mechanics and their favourite furry Muppets makes this game an incredibly riveting experience for young gamers and a charming experience for their parents.





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which is why everyone's debit and credit cards promise to get a great workout over the next few weeks. For credit card holders, there are some good options available for getting something

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the ideal time to use funds for Christmas shopping or to help those in need.

If you want to pay some goodwill forward but you're finding your budget stretched to the limit, here are some affordable ways to make a difference in and around your community.

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little bit counts. Find a food bank near you at foodbankscanda.ca.

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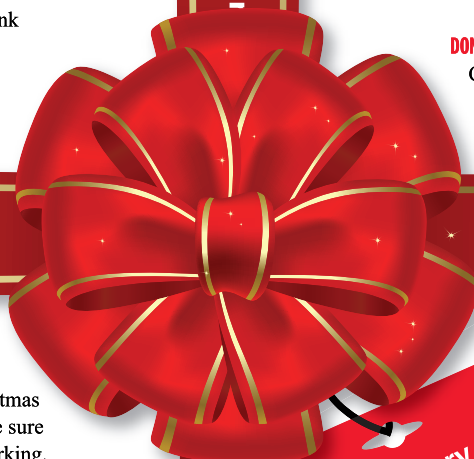
SUPPORT A WOMEN'S SHELTER Collect donations of toiletries, clothes and small toys for a battered women's shelter.

HELP OUT A NEIGHBOUR When you pull out your snow blower or snow shovel after the next dusting of white stuff, take a few extra minutes to clear your neighbour's walkway.

ORGANIZE A TOY DRIVE Bring a smile to a child's face at Christmas by setting up a toy mountain at work, at your church or community centre.

SERENADE A SENIOR Get a group of people together and go carolling at a senior residence.

These are just a few suggestions. The opportunity to do some good in your community is limitless. You can explore more options at a local church, the Salvation Army or by searching online.



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MAKE YOUR GIFT-GIVING LIST Jot down names and gift ideas for family and friends. Tip: Be prepared for unexpected gifts; add some extra items to your list (e.g. candles, chocolates and wine).

DECK THE HALLS

Pull out your strings of Christmas lights and make sure they're still working. It might be time for refresh. Check local flyers for ideas.

WRITE AND SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Whether you send emails or traditional cards by mail you'll want to make sure that your correspondence is written and mailed the first week of December.

PLAN YOUR HOLIDAY MENUS Hosting meals during the holidays? Plan the menu and buy items well beforehand (e.g. frozen turkey, appetizers, drinks etc.).

WRAP IT UP IN STYLE Set aside a couple of hours to wrap gifts. Tip: Gift bags are great for dressing up gifts and can be reused next year.

Make every day feel like Christmas.

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BEST HOLIDAY MOVIES

From the nostalgic and the sappy to the humorous and the dramatic, almost everyone has one — a favourite holiday flick — that special movie that you get hopelessly drawn into watching again and again year after year. For some it might be Frank Capra's 1946 classic *It's a Wonderful Life*, for others something more of a modern-day classic like *A Christmas Story* (Who can forget little Ralphie's famous request to Santa, "I want an Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action Two-Hundred-Shot Range Model Air Rifle!").

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FILM TO WARM YOU UP THIS SEASON, CONSIDER ONE OF THESE SEASONAL FAVES.

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| 1. <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> (1946) | 5. <i>White Christmas</i> (1954) | 8. <i>Scrooged</i> (1988) |
| 2. <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i> (1947) | 6. <i>A Christmas Story</i> (1983) | 9. <i>Home Alone</i> (1990) |
| 3. <i>The Bishop's Wife</i> (1947) | 7. <i>National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation</i> (1989) | 10. <i>Jingle All the Way</i> (1996) |
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Anne Marie Garcia's monthly mobile phone bill was through the roof — her \$85 a month plan sometimes cost her between \$400 and \$1,000. Granted, Garcia, a 45-year-old credit union account manager in North Vancouver, called her sister in Los Angeles every morning for 30 minutes (her plan only provided 150 local daytime minutes). Plus, when she travelled, the data roaming charges added up fast. "It was ridiculous. I had to look for an alternative phone."

After 20 years of being with a large carrier, Garcia researched the cellular market and was impressed by Mobilicity's unlimited wireless network.

While she had to pay a \$300 penalty to cancel the remainder of her three-year contract, Garcia said it was well worth it.

Now that she has Mobilicity's unlimited talk, text and data service, her

morning long distance chats with her sister are better and longer than ever, "and there's no way I'm going to pay more than the price of the plan." Mobilicity also has the lowest roaming charges in North America.

Interestingly, contract issues are the second highest source of complaints from consumers, according to the Canada's Commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services (CCTS), an independent organization that works with telecommunications customers and service providers to resolve complaints about services.

Wireless contracts can be problematic in several ways. Here's a quick look.

LITTLE FLEXIBILITY

When Bob Barrett, 56, Toronto, realized his aging mother no longer used or needed her mobile phone, he contacted the carrier to cancel it.

Unfortunately, earlier in the year, he had renewed her contract for another three years. Barrett pleaded his case to a few managers but found there were no exceptions to the rules. He would have to pay an early termination fee.

CANCELLATION FEES

CCTS reports that many of the contract disputes were a result of early termination fees charged to consumers.

While there is legislation in Quebec and most recently Manitoba, that protects consumers with mobile phone contracts from high cancellation fees, consumers in the rest of Canada are at the mercy of company policy. For the most part, they face large cancellation fees that are usually tied to the contract and the amount owing on the phone. For example, Barrett was advised by his provider that the cancellation fee was \$400. While there's a move to pass similar legislation in Ontario, it hasn't happened yet.

SURPRISE COSTS

Despite having a contract for a plan with a set price, it's easy to rack up usage beyond what's covered in the plan — and end up with a huge

bill at the end of the month. If you don't keep track of how many minutes or megabytes of data you've used... or the cost of roaming, you could get an expensive surprise when you open your next phone bill.



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Today, Mobilicity is offering great Black Friday deals on mobile phones — this on top of its 50% off regular unlimited monthly rate plans sale for the holiday season.

BREAKING A CONTRACT

If you want to take advantage of one of Mobilicity's sweet holiday deals, there are ways to get out of your mobile phone contract early, according to industry blogs and other online sources.

- ✓ Find someone who will take over the contract. Check websites such as cellelients.com and ca.cellswapper.com.
- ✓ The Utility Consumers' Action Network (ucan.org) recommends checking the fine print for grounds for cancelling.
- ✓ Some providers may let you cancel without penalty if you move somewhere where service isn't offered.

- ✓ Pay the penalty. Often it can cost less in the long run to cancel your contract and go to another carrier like Mobilicity, where you can start seeing savings on your wireless usage immediately.

HOLIDAY MAGIC ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE

KEEP TRACK OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

When Neluka Leverage of Toronto, goes shopping, she likes to keep track of her purchases on **Hello Expense**. The app makes it easy to input and track her expenditures by category — and spending habits over a week, month and year. When Leverage sees she's spending too much on Christmas gifts, she can rethink her gifts list. "You can also download the data in an Excel file," says Leverage, "so you can print it out and tack it up on your bulletin board as a reminder."

HELLO
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NAME THAT TUNE

Lisa Barrett, of Newmarket, Ont., is a music aficionado... and used to find it really frustrating when she heard a song and couldn't remember the title. Now Barrett uses **Shazam Encore**, a neat app that identifies songs instantly. Now all she has to do is hold her mobile phone up to the music and "shazam!" — it identifies the song immediately.



SPEAK THE LANGUAGE

Now you can wish family, friends or colleagues who don't speak English a happy holiday — in their language. The **Google Translate Conversation Mode** app lets you have a bilingual conversation. Simply speak into your mobile phone, listen for the translation and then let them do the same in their language!

EVERYONE LOVES SCRABBLE...

Now you can play the classic word game wherever you might be... sitting in an airport lounge or in the waiting room of your doctor's office. **SCRABBLE Free**, a recommendation from PCWorld.com, lets you play against random opponents or friends online. You can even go into "Pass N' Play" mode to play against a friend by passing a tablet back and forth. Can you spell GREAT?

SHARING PHOTOS

Business consultant Larry Jackson of Oakville, Ont., stopped attaching jpeg files to emails ages ago. Now when he wants to share photos with his family and friends, he uses the **Dropbox** app. It's a storage service that lets him store photos, documents and other material so he and his family can access it from their PCs, phones or other devices. It just makes life so simple, he says.

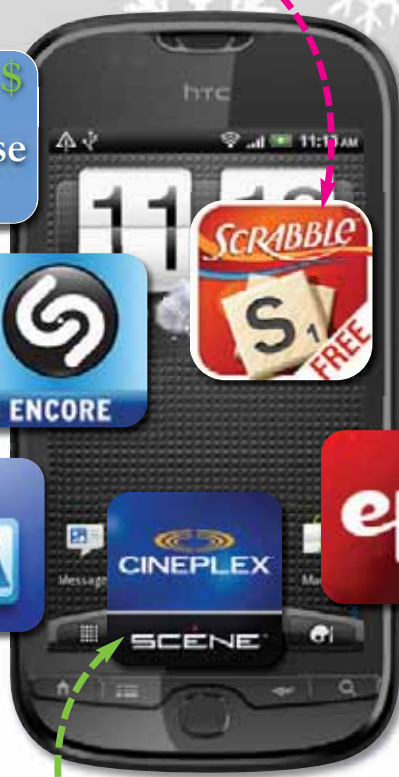


FOODIES REJOICE!

If you're like retiree Donna Palmer of Kelowna, B.C., you may be wondering what new delicious recipe you can serve at your holiday table this year. The **Epicurious** app on Palmer's smartphone lets her find recipes using a voice-recognition search. Cranberry Stuffing, Tree-Trimming Cider Punch, Shortbread Cookies... with a recipe app on your side, the possibilities are endless!

MOVIE NIGHT

The **Cineplex** app is an easy way to see all the holiday blockbusters that are coming out — and you won't have to line up to buy tickets. Along with movie showtimes for every theatre in Canada, the app lets you buy tickets, watch trailers and keep up on entertainment news too. All you have to line up for is the popcorn!



Gifts for your furry friends

► Cross your pet off your list with these fabulous finds — purrfect for the cats and dogs of the house



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Spa Day

Send your pooch for a shampoo and conditioner, nail trim, haircut, ear cleaning and brushing out. Cost varies depending on size, breed and temperament. One example: A full groom at The Fur Factor in Toronto starts at \$52. Visit yellow-pages.ca/business/0980248.html to find a groomer near you.



Cat perch

Give your cat a place to hang out ... and save your furniture with an Imperial Cat Scratcher. Rub a little catnip on the surface and the cat will always come back. \$14.99-\$44.99 at Pet Valu.

Peace in the House

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Go to Sleep

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What's Up Doc?

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Muttluks

Marlene Cook, the founder of Woofstock (a Toronto festival for dogs), protects her dogs' feet from salt and cold with fleece-lined

Muttluks. The dog boots have self-tightening straps, reflective straps, leather soles and stretchy leg cuffs. They are made in Canada. \$45.99-\$53.99 at muttluks.com.



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Dad Mark's Dakota Grey and Orange Cup (\$12.99)

Dad can enjoy his coffee on-the-go in this stylish ceramic mug in Mark's popular grey and orange sock print. Available at Mark's, marks.com.

2Photo Up Family Album (\$19.99)

This black faux-leather album detailed



with a cutout on the cover to insert a family photograph and polished metal lettering spelling family displays two vertical rows of photos on each page. Fill it with treasured family photographs and dad will be delighted come Christmas morning. Available at Chapters Indigo, chapters.indigo.ca.

Mom Portolano 10-inch Cashmere Gloves (\$29.99)

These soft cashmere gloves are a beautiful cold-weather accessory and come in 12 pretty shades. Available at The Bay, thebay.com.

Voluspa 3-Wick Candle in Decorative Tin-Frost Pinecone Scent (\$22.50)

This luxurious candle in-

fuses the air with a beautiful blend of spicy pine needles, cypress and woody pinecone seeds, and will help mom unwind in her bedroom or bathroom away from the maddening

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Kids Merry-Okee Christmas Karaoke Micro- phone (\$19.95)

With six pre-recorded holiday songs and lyrics, this microphone changes your voice to sound like an elf. It will be the hit of any Christmas party for kids big and small. Available at Hallmark, hall-mark.ca.



Ravensburger Christmas Fair 200 XXL Piece Puzzle (\$14.95)

This holiday puzzle featuring a cheerful fair in a town square with carollers, snowmen and Santa makes the perfect holiday activity for the entire family. Available at Mastermind Toys, mastermindtoys.com.



Apples to Apples — (\$29.99)

This card game geared for kids 14 and older is filled with surprising and outrageous comparisons from a wide range of people, places, things and events. Fast moving and refreshing, this game is perfect for any get-together with family and friends! Available at Toys "R" Us, toysrus.com.

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Swaggerville lives on

► Blue Bombers defence puts nickname on the back burner, but keeps confident attitude

The nickname Swaggerville has not been heard much in the leadup to the Grey Cup game.

But the Winnipeg Blue Bombers defence that adopted the name as a sign of their skill and determination to stuff every offence in the CFL says Swaggerville is alive and well inside their locker-room, even if they don't shout it out to the world any more.

"Oh yeah, it still lives, it's just something we don't talk about publicly any more," cornerback Jovon Johnson said Thursday. "We just let our play speak for itself."

Any hope the underdog Bombers have of upsetting the B.C. Lions in the Grey Cup game at BC Place on Sunday will likely rest on the defence's ability to stop Lions quarterback Travis Lulay and star receivers Geroy Simon and Arland Bruce.

Winnipeg certainly had the defensive numbers to crow about this season, leading the league in 12 categories, including 55 sacks and 25 interceptions.

When the team that went 4-14 in 2010 started this season 7-1, the name Swaggerville was on everyone's lips as a rallying call. But it faded away as the Bombers went 3-7 down the stretch.

Johnson said the nickname actually dates to 2009, but didn't become



► Winnipeg Blue Bombers defensive end Odell Willis gets underneath his teammate, defensive tackle Doug Brown, while he does push-ups during a practice this week.

public until the team emerged as a winner. Then it was put on Mute.

"It became somewhat of a distraction," said Johnson. "It was all fun when it started."

"But after a while, with all the attention to it, all the other teams took notice and they got mad and it was just giving everybody extra motivation to play against us."

Among other bests, the Bombers allowed their opponents the lowest average yards of offence per

game at 301.1, the fewest yards per pass at 7.1, the fewest passing yards per game at 223.1 and lowest percentage of pass completions at 56.7 per cent.

Winnipeg's defence starts with the line, where six-foot-eight Doug Brown crowds the middle so that rush ends Odell Willis and Kenny Mainor can chase down quarterbacks. Willis tied with Hamilton's Justin Hickman for the CFL sacks lead with 13 while Mainor had eight.

"They get pressure on the quarterback and that allows us to do what we do on the back end," added Johnson. "It's hand in hand. We help them get sacks and they help us get picks. We've got the perfect blend of defence."

Sharing the spotlight is the secondary, with Johnson, Jonathan Hefney, Alex Suber and Deon Beasley along with safety Ian Logan. They form the league's most respected unit.

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Flames preview

Flames
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Alex Pietrangolo pinched in from the point to score the overtime winner for St. Louis (11-8-2) in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. The 3-2 victory moved the Blues ahead of Nashville in the Central Division. St. Louis is 5-1-2 and has not allowed more than three goals in a game since the hiring of Ken Hitchcock as head coach.

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Sibling rivals

The Grey Cup game will be a family affair for brothers Henoc and Cauchy Muamba.

► Henoc, 22, is a rookie line-backer and special-teams performer with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers while Cauchy, 24, is a second-year safety and special-teams player with the B.C. Lions.



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► Winnipeg quarterback Buck Pierce hands off to running back Chris Garrett during practice Wednesday at BC Place Stadium in Vancouver.



► B.C. quarterback Travis Lulay hands off to running back Andrew Harris during practice Wednesday.

Sifting through Grey Cup grey areas

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Here's a look at four factors that should decide Sunday's 99th Grey Cup

game in Vancouver.

1 Quarterbacks

Lions will win if: QB Travis Lulay, the man who was named CFL Most Outstanding Player of 2011 Thursday night, maintains his composure and doesn't get caught up in the hoopla that will surround him on home turf in his first Grey Cup appearance.

The Bombers win if: Gritty QB Buck Pierce carries the Bombers on his back as he's done so many times this season, completing remarkable passes,

scrambling to avoid the oncoming pass rush and running with the ball when nothing else will work. Revenge would also be sweet for the man dumped by B.C. two years ago.

2 Receivers

The Lions will win if: Leos legend Geroy Simon and first-year Lion Arland Bruce, possibly the CFL's most dangerous receiving tandem, find open room in the Bombers secondary as double teaming both is nearly impossible. They combined for 10

catches and a TD in the West final.

The Bombers will win if: The Bombers have never replaced Milt Stegall, but the multiple threats provided by Clarence Denmark, Terrence Edwards and Greg Carr give Pierce plenty of targets and any one could emerge as the game's top star.

3 Running backs

The Lions will win if: RB Andrew Harris can provide them with a balanced attack by posting positive yards on first down

and keeping Lulay out of second-and-long situations. His success keeps the Bombers defence honest.

The Bombers will win if: Dynamic running back Chris Garrett can somehow produce a performance as sensational as the East final, one of the epic games in Blue Bombers history. If the passing game should fail, Garrett could still carry his team to victory as he did last Sunday.

4 Defence

The Lions will win if: Their tough de-

fence can manhandle the Bombers offensive line, as they did in making Ricky Ray look very average in the West final, and doesn't give Pierce time to operate. That pass rush could make it a long day for the Bombers QB.

The Bombers will win if: The cocky and confident group that dubbed itself Swaggerville can stop the Lions run, create some second-and-long situations, and set the stage for the secondary to come up with some big turnovers.

Lions' Lulay wins CFL top player award



► B.C. quarterback Travis Lulay holds his CFL Outstanding Player award Thursday in Vancouver.

Quarterback Travis Lulay of the B.C. Lions was named the CFL's outstanding player Thursday night.

Lulay received the award ahead of Anthony Calvillo of the Montreal Alouettes in voting conducted by the Football Reporters of Canada and the CFL's eight head coaches.

Lions teammate Paul McCallum was named the top special-teams player. The other winners included Ed-

monton Eskimos tailback Jerome Messam (Canadian), Winnipeg Blue Bombers cornerback Jovon Johnson (defensive player), Montreal Alouettes tackle Josh Bourke (lineman) and Hamilton Tiger-Cats receiver Chris Williams (rookie).

Hamilton quarterback Kevin Glenn received the Tom Pate award for outstanding community service.

Lulay, 28, enjoyed a ban-

ner first full season as B.C.'s starting quarterback. The third-year pro finished second to Calvillo in passing yards (4,815 to Calvillo's 5,251) but finished tied with the Montreal veteran in TD strikes (32).

What's more, Lulay helped the Lions turn their season around. After opening with five straight losses, Lulay led B.C. to victory in 11 of its final 13 games and a 40-23 West Division final

win over Edmonton last weekend.

Lulay and the Lions will cap their season Sunday in the Grey Cup game against Winnipeg.

Calvillo, 39, was looking to capture the outstanding player award for a fourth time. Earlier this season, he broke Damon Allen's all-time CFL records for touchdown passes, attempts and passing yards.

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	22	12	6	2	2	67	53	28	7-1-2-0	5-5-0-2	4-4-1-1	L1
d-Florida	21	12	6	0	3	62	52	27	5-2-0-3	7-4-0-0	6-2-0-2	W3
d-Boston	20	13	7	0	0	69	42	26	8-5-0-0	5-2-0-0	0-0-0-0	W
Philadelphia	21	12	6	2	1	79	65	27	5-4-1-1	7-2-1-0	6-2-1-1	W1
Toronto	22	12	8	1	1	70	70	26	6-3-1-1	6-5-0-0	4-5-0-1	W2
Washington	20	12	7	0	1	66	62	25	8-1-0-1	4-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	W2
Buffalo	21	12	8	0	1	61	55	25	5-6-0-1	7-2-0-0	6-3-0-1	L2
NY Rangers	18	10	5	1	2	48	39	23	5-1-0-1	5-4-1-1	7-2-0-1	L2
New Jersey	20	11	8	0	1	54	55	23	5-3-0-1	6-5-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Montreal	22	10	9	1	2	57	53	23	4-5-1-2	6-4-0-0	5-3-1-1	W1
Ottawa	21	10	9	1	1	62	70	22	5-4-0-1	5-5-1-0	4-4-1-1	L1
Tampa Bay	20	9	9	0	2	55	67	20	6-3-0-0	3-6-0-2	5-5-0-0	L2
Winnipeg	21	8	9	3	1	61	69	20	5-3-0-0	3-6-3-1	4-3-3-0	L1
Carolina	13	8	11	2	2	56	76	20	5-5-0-2	3-6-2-0	3-6-0-1	L1
NY Islanders	19	5	10	3	1	38	65	14	5-5-2-0	0-5-1-1	2-6-2-0	L3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Minnesota	21	13	5	2	1	50	42	29	8-2-1-0	5-3-1-1	9-1-0-0	W5
d-San Jose	19	13	5	0	0	58	43	27	6-3-1-0	7-2-0-0	7-2-1-0	W4
d-Chicago	22	12	7	1	2	71	68	27	7-1-0-2	5-6-1-0	4-5-1-0	L1
Dallas	21	13	8	0	0	56	57	26	8-3-0-0	5-5-0-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Los Angeles	22	11	7	2	2	54	53	26	6-5-0-1	5-2-2-1	5-3-1-1	W3
Detroit	20	12	7	1	0	58	46	25	8-2-1-0	4-5-0-0	7-3-0-0	W3
Phoenix	20	11	6	1	2	58	51	25	6-3-1-1	5-3-0-1	6-3-1-0	W1
Edmonton	21	11	8	0	2	57	51	24	6-2-0-1	5-6-0-1	4-6-0-0	W1
St. Louis	21	11	8	0	2	53	48	24	7-2-0-1	4-6-0-1	6-2-0-2	W2
Nashville	21	10	7	3	1	57	57	24	4-3-2-1	6-4-1-0	5-3-2-0	L3
Vancouver	21	11	9	0	1	61	57	23	5-3-0-1	6-6-0-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Colorado	22	9	12	1	0	56	68	19	3-8-0-0	4-4-1-0	2-7-1-0	L2
Calgary	20	8	11	1	0	45	56	17	4-5-1-0	4-6-0-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Anaheim	21	6	11	1	3	43	66	16	4-6-0-0	2-5-1-3	1-6-1-2	L5
Columbus	21	5	13	0	3	48	72	13	4-6-0-1	1-7-0-2	4-6-0-0	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

No games scheduled

Wednesday's results

Vancouver 3 Colorado 0
Detroit 5 Calgary 3
Washington 4 Winnipeg 3 (OT)
Minnesota 3 Nashville 2
Florida 2 N.Y. Rangers 1
Dallas 3 Los Angeles 2 (OT)
New Jersey 2 Columbus 1 (SO)
Philadelphia 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Boston 4 Buffalo 3 (SO)
Montreal 4 Carolina 3 (SO)
Phoenix 4 Anaheim 2
San Jose 1 Chicago 0
St. Louis 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Today's games
All times Eastern
Detroit at Boston, 1 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

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1. Anaheim, Koivu 4 (Cogliano, Fowler) 5:44
2. Phoenix, Yandle 2 (Doan, Whitney) 13:13
3. Phoenix, Vrbata 10 (Hanzal, Yandle) 16:50 (pp)

Penalties — Getzlaf Ana (hooking) 6:58, Hanzal Pho (goaltender interference) 13:51, Sbisana Ana (hooking) 15:46.

Second Period

4. Phoenix, Vrbata 11 (Ekman-Larsson) 17:31
Penalties — Whitney Pho (hooking) 0:24, Maxwell Ana (interference), Smith Pho (diving: served by O'Reilly) 9:58, Macenauer Ana (holding) 12:16, Brookbank Ana (cross-checking) 14:17, McMillan Ana (slashing) 19:21.

Third Period

5. Phoenix, Ekman-Larsson 5 (Doan) 4:27
6. Anaheim, Perry 8 (Getzlaf, Lydman) 13:03
Penalties — Selanne Ana (unsportsmanlike conduct), Getzlaf Ana (interference, unsportsmanlike conduct) 16:43.

Shots on goal

Anaheim 5 3 13 —21
Phoenix 12 9 8 —29

Goal — Anaheim: Hiller (L,5-9-4); Phoenix: Smith (W,10-3-3).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Anaheim: 0-2; Phoenix: 1-8.

Referees — Mike Leggo, Kyle Rehman. **Linesmen** — Lonnie Cameron, Jay Sharrers.

Att. — 9,124 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

LATE WEDNESDAY

STARS 3, KINGS 2 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Stoll LA (tripping) 2:50, Scuderi LA (interference) 15:54, Ott Dal (goaltender interference) 18:04.

Second Period

1. Los Angeles, Richards 10 (Brown) 4:53
2. Los Angeles, Westgarth 1 (Moreau) 5:29
Penalty — Ribeiro Dal (tripping) 8:11.

Third Period

3. Dallas, Ja.Benn 6 (Nystrom, Dvorak) 2:07
4. Dallas, Eriksson 10 (Ja.Benn, Ryder) 19:39
Penalties — Ott Dal (slashing) 4:12, Moreau LA (slashing) 17:39.

Overtime

5. Dallas, Ott 4 (Robidas, Ribeiro) 2:56
Penalties — None.

Shots on goal

Los Angeles 8 8 6 2 —24
Dallas 9 14 13 2 —38

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (L,9-5-4); Dallas: Lehtonen (W,13-4-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 0-3; Dallas: 0-3.

Attendance — 11,779 (18,532) at Dallas.

SHARKS 1, BLACKHAWKS 0

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Boyle SJ (tripping) 7:25, Boyle SJ (hooking) 17:04, Kane Chi (hooking) 18:52.

Second Period

1. San Jose, Demers 1 (Clowe, Couture) 17:08 (pp)
Penalties — Stalberg Chi (interference) 1:08, Boyle SJ (delay of game) 10:10, Bolland Chi (hooking) 17:04, Kane Chi (hooking) 18:52.

Third Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Montador Chi (cross-checking) 12:48, PavelSKI SJ (goaltender interference) 13:54.

Shots on goal

Chicago 10 13 11 —34
San Jose 5 6 10 —21

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (L,9-6-2); San Jose: Niemi (W,9-2-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Chicago: 0-4; San Jose: 1-4.

Attendance — 17,562 (17,562) San Jose, Calif.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kessel, Tor	16	14	30
Giroux, Phi	11	16	27
Versteeg, Fla	12	14	26
Lupul, Tor	11	15	26
Vanek, Buf	12	13	25
Kopitar, LA	10	14	24
Pominville, Buf	8	16	24
D.Sedin, Vcr	6	18	24
Seguin, Bos	12	11	23
Ma.Hossa, Chi	9	14	23
Backstrom, Wash	7	16	23
Neal, Psh	13	9	22
Smyth, Edm	11	11	22
Fleischmann, Fla	9	13	22
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	8	14	22
H.Sedin, Vcr	7	15	22
P.Kane, Chi	7	15	22
Franzen, Det	10	11	21
Skinner, Car	9	12	21
Weiss, Fla	8	13	21
Eberle, Edm	7	14	21
Benn, Dal	6	15	21
Stamkos, TB	11	9	20
Eriksson, Dal	10	10	20
Elias, NJ	8	12	20
Spezza, Ott	6	14	20
Thornton, SJ	5	15	20
Plekanez, Mtl	5	15	20
PavelSKI, SJ	11	8	19
M.Richards, LA	10	9	19

CFL PLAYOFFS

GREY CUP

Sunday's game

At Vancouver

Winnipeg vs. B.C., 6:30 p.m., EST

PLAYER AWARD NOMINEES

(selected by voting members of the Football Reporters of Canada and the CFL head coaches; awards given out last night)

Player

East — Anthony Calvillo, Montreal Alouettes.

West — Travis Lulay, B.C. Lions.

Defensive

East — Jovon Johnson, Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

West — Jerrell Freeman, Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Canadian

East — Sean Whyte, Montreal Alouettes.

West — Jerome Messam, Edmonton Eskimos.

Special Teams

East — Chad Owens, Toronto Argonauts.

West — Paul McCallum, B.C. Lions.

Rookie

East — Chris Williams, Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

West — J.C. Sherritt, Edmonton Eskimos.

Lineman

East — Josh Bourque, Montreal Alouettes.

West — Javon Olatoye, B.C. Lions.

FOOTBALL

CIS PLAYOFFS

VANIER CUP

Tonight's game

At Vancouver

McMaster vs. Laval, 9 p.m., EST

TENNIS

ATP

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SINGLES

Group B

Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Mardy

Fish (8), U.S., 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Rafael

Nadal (2), Spain, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-3.

Standings: x-Federer 3-0 (6-2), x-Tsonga 2-1

(5-3), Nadal 1-2 (3-5), Fish 0-3 (2-6).

Group A

Standings: x-Ferrer 2-0 (4-0), Berdych 1-1 (3-

3), Djokovic 1-1 (2-3), a-Tipsarevic 0-1 (1-2), y-

Murray 0-1 (0-2).

DOUBLES

Group B

Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Daniel Nestor (3),

Toronto, def. Michael Llodra, France, & Nenad

Zimonjic (2), Serbia, 4-6, 6-3, 10-7 tiebreak.

Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (5), Pakistan, 6-2, 6-1.

Standings: x-Mirnyi-Nestor 3-0 (6-2), x-

Fyrstenberg-Matkowski 2-1 (4-3), Llodra-Zi-

monjic 1-2 (4-4), Bopanna-Qureshi 0-3 (1-6).

Group A

Standings: x-Bryan-Bryan 2-0 (4-1), Lindst-

edt-Tecau 1-1 (2-2), Bhupathi-Paes 1-1 (2-2),

Melzer-Petzschner 0-2 (1-4).

x — clinched semifinal berth; a — alternate; y

— withdrew.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	293	203
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	228	217
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	237	253
Miami	3	8	0	.273	212	206

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	3	0	.700	273	166
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	195
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	125	180
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	131	300

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	272	182
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	220	179
Cincinnati	6	4	0	.600	236	195
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	145	193

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	6	4	0	.600	235	254
Denver	5	5	0	.500	205	247
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	236	259
Kansas City	4	6	0	.400	144	252

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	270	225
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	228	228
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	237	213
Washington	3	7	0	.300	160	205

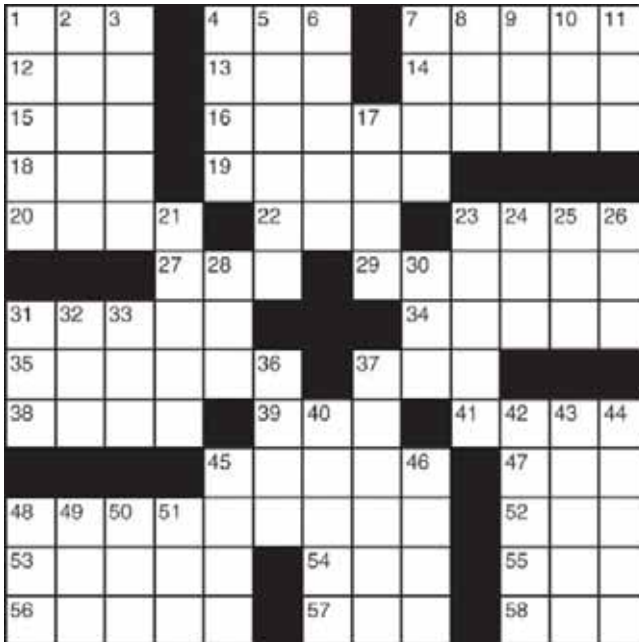
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	313	228
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	235	213
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	182	268
Carolina	2	8	0	.200	225	286

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct
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Crossword

Across

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14 The Little Mermaid
15 3-Down's formation
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18 Chances, for short
19 Pisces' neighbour
20 At the home of (Fr.)
22 Kvetch
23 Used a loom
27 "Monty Python" intro
29 Drool
31 String instrument
34 Cheer up
35 Gum arabic source
37 Perched
38 Eve's third son
39 Teensy
41 Wild and crazy
45 Aesopian conclusion
47 Feathery neck-piece
48 "The Art of Happiness" author
52 Sindbad's bird
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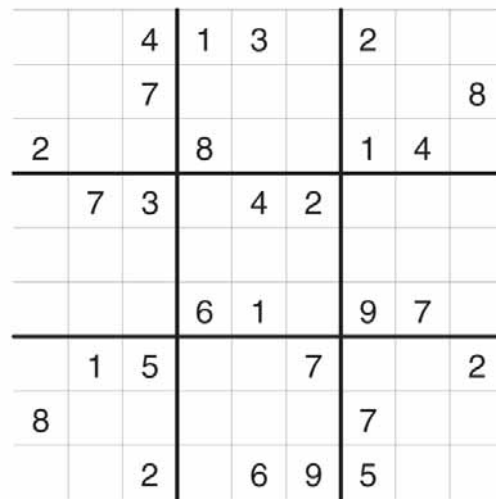
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21 Nothing
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26 Preceding
28 Skater Babilonia
30 Meadow
31 Anatomical duct
32 Tavern supply
33 Feedbag morsel
36 MP's quarry
37 Tar
40 Obliterate
42 James — Garfield
43 Sue Grafton's "N Is for —"
44 America's Cup tender
45 Atomizer spray
46 Actress Cheryl
48 Belle of the

ball?
50 "— Misérables"
49 "Hail!"
51 Exist

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

7	8	6	2	4	1	3	5	9
1	5	3	7	9	8	2	4	6
2	4	9	6	3	5	8	1	7
9	7	4	5	1	3	6	8	2
5	3	1	8	2	6	9	7	4
6	2	8	9	7	4	5	3	1
8	1	2	3	6	7	4	9	5
4	9	5	1	8	2	7	6	3
3	6	7	4	5	9	1	2	8

A look at the weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min 0° Max -1°	Min 4° Max -6°	Min 1° Max 9°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". WEEKDAYS 5:30 A.M.



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Get past the wishful thinking and make your dreams come true. All it takes is self-belief — and action.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You don't need to stoop to underhand methods to realize your ambitions.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Make sure you express yourself today. Let everyone know how you feel, be it good or bad.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You don't have time for fun and games — you have serious issues to deal with and you know if you don't crack on with them now they may

never get done.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 By all means take a few risks today.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Try not to let your emotions get the better of you today, especially on the home front where a loved one's actions may annoy you intensely.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't impose restrictions on yourself, and don't let other people tell you what you can and cannot do.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Money matters of one sort or another will be much on your mind today.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

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♑ You may be eager to start something new and that's great, but don't just throw yourself at it.
♒ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 As today's eclipse falls in the most sensitive area of your chart you'll want to be on your own for a while.
♓ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You seem to be having second thoughts about an issue you once had no doubts about at all.
♈ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Whatever your age or your social position there is still time to make an impression on the world.
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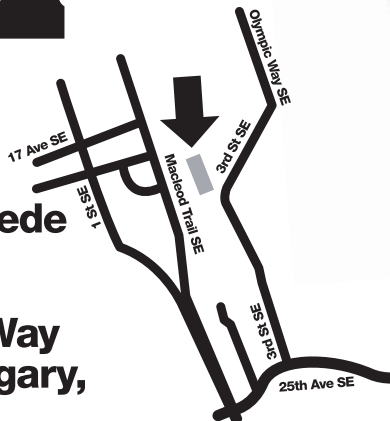
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